



# CITY OF DEL REY OAKS

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March 26, 2003

The Honorable Terrance R. Duncan  
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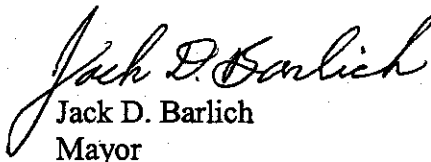
Re: City of Del Rey Oaks Responses to the Monterey Grand Jury 2002 Final Report

Dear Judge Duncan:

Enclosed are the City of Del Rey Oaks as required by Sections 933(c) and 933.5 (a) and (b) of the California Penal Code, to the Findings and Recommendations in the 2002 Monterey County Grand Jury Report.

The Del Rey Oaks City Council approved the responses at their March 25, 2003 meeting.

Sincerely

  
Jack D. Barlich  
Mayor



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March 25, 2003

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Dear Judge Duncan,

The response(s) and findings to the Monterey County Grand Jury 2002 report were placed on the Del Rey Oaks City Council Agenda for the March 25, 2003 meeting. At that meeting, the City Council gave consideration to the staff recommendations and subsequently approved the responses and findings for submission to you. The following two sections of the report 2002 Grand Jury Report were considered

- (1) *Availability of water on the Monterey Peninsula and Supplement to the mid-year Final Report - The Role of the Monterey Peninsula Peninsula Water Management.*
- (2) *Fluoridation of Drinking Water in Monterey County - Getting Done.*

**Findings and Recommendations of the Del Rey Oaks City Council:**

- *Availability of water on the Monterey Peninsula.*

**Response to Finding(s):** The Del Rey Oaks City Council agrees with the five Findings of the 2002 Monterey County Grand Jury Report. However no response(s) was required of the City Council to this section.

- *Supplemental to the Mid-Year Final Report on Availability of Water on the Monterey Peninsula – The Role of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.*

**Response to Finding:** The Del Rey Oaks City Council unanimously supported placing the advisory vote for the question of whether “the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District should be dissolved” on the November 2002 ballot to receive the public input on this matter. As stated in the Grand Jury Report, 66.5% of the voting public is in favor of dissolving the Water District.

**Response to recommendations:** The Del Rey Oaks City Council strongly agrees with the two recommendations of the 2002 Monterey County Grand Jury in this section:

- That the existence of the MPWMD should be terminated by proper political process and the cities and County mount a joint effort to have their state legislators sponsor a bill in the legislature.
- That the second option recommended by Grand Jury be selected to replace the current MPWMD – by forming a joint powers agency with a board of directors comprised of appointees from those same cities and the County.

The City of Del Rey Oaks existence is challenged by the lack of the Water Districts ability to perform its primary mission of providing a reliable water supply source to the Monterey Peninsula including the City of Del Rey Oaks. As a result of this failure, the project(s) proposed in the City of Del Rey Oaks to create a vital revenue stream for the City are increasingly difficult to develop. It is the responsibility of the local government to regulate land use, and not the Water District's to attempt to control growth. The City of Del Rey Oaks believes that a JPA comprised of the Monterey Peninsula cities and the County can provide direction to improve the availability of water.

Changing the Board of Directors of the MPWMD should not effect:


1. The operation, finances, financial arrangements and commitments.
2. The majority of the current staff.

***Fluoridation of Drinking Water in Monterey County - Getting it Done.***

**Response to Findings:** The Del Rey Oaks City Council agrees with the three Findings of the Monterey County Grand Jury of this section on the fluoridation of drinking water. The Del Rey Oaks City Council can support the Grand Jury's recommendation to express public support for the implementation of water fluoridation and would encourage the other cities and County to hold public hearings, and create a schedule and a series of measurable goals to accomplish this. This responsibility should be directed to a newly formed Water District Board of Directors and Cal Am Water Co.

As requested by the Grand Jury and required by section 933 of the California Penal Code, the City of Del Rey Oaks is hereby submitting the above responses to the 2002 Grand Jury Report.

Sincerely,

  
Jack D. Barlich  
Mayor